

RULES OF BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR ACCREDITED APPLICANTS

UNDER ERASMUS+ KEY ACTION 1

This document defines the rules of budget allocation for accredited applicants within the framework established in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide.

National Agency	IE01
Field	Vocational Education and Training
Call year	2026

1. AVAILABLE BUDGET

Total budget available for allocation:	EUR 11,559,000.00
--	-------------------

Out of the available budget, at least the following amounts will be allocated for the specified purposes:

Basic grants and financial performance	EUR 4,680,000.00
Qualitative performance and policy priorities	EUR 5,065,000.00
Inclusion support for participants and exceptional costs	EUR 80,000.00

If additional funding becomes available, the National Agency may increase the available budget. The indicated amounts may be lowered if all applicants have already been allocated the maximum amounts according to the rules set out in this document.

2. BUDGET ALLOCATION

2.1. General provisions

The National Agency will estimate the budget required to implement the activities requested by each applicant, as described in the Programme Guide. If the total budget available for allocation to accredited applicants is not sufficient to provide each applicant with the estimated budget required to implement their requested activities or their maximum grant, then a competitive allocation will take place as described below. However, if the total available budget is sufficient to fully address the requests of all applicants, then the funding will be allocated in that way.

A competitive budget allocation takes place in multiple phases. In each phase, the available budget is divided between eligible applicants based on the criteria described below. For each applicant, the total awarded grant will be the sum of amounts they receive in each allocation phase (and any separately approved amount for cost categories 'Inclusion support for participants' and 'Exceptional costs'). If any applicant cannot receive further funds based on the rules in this document, then any surplus funds allocated to them will be divided among other applicants using the allocation rules specified for each phase. All allocated amounts will be rounded to the nearest whole Euro.

For the purpose of budget allocation, completed projects are those with end date before 1 September 2024. Only KA121 and KA116 projects linked to the accreditation code referenced in the application can be taken into account for the budget allocation. The National Agency may exclude from consideration past projects that have been negatively affected by events outside of the beneficiary's control (*force majeure*).

2.2. Maximum grant

The NA set the maximum grant at EUR 650,000.00 based on the analysis of highest receivers across past years and specifically 2024 and 2025. The maximum grant rules may not apply only if the total demand for budget does not surpass the total available funds as outlined in section 1 of this template.

Cost categories 'Inclusion support for participants' and 'Exceptional costs' will not count towards the maximum grant.

Maximum grant for applicants under observation may be limited by the specific decision on establishment of observation measures.

2.3. First phase: basic grants and financial performance

All applicants will receive at least the following basic grant: EUR 90,000.00. The NA set the minimum grant based on a review of our 2021 - 2025 KA122 projects. We also considered average cost of KA121 VET project for 2023 and 2024 and 2025.

2.4. Second phase: qualitative performance and policy priorities

Budget assigned to this phase will be divided among the applicants in proportion to their score and the estimated budget required to implement their requested activities.

The score of each applicant is calculated in two steps:

- a) For applicants that have completed at least one accredited project, the base score will be equal to the final report evaluation score of their last completed accredited project.

For applicants that have not yet completed any accredited projects, the base score will be equal to the evaluation score of their accreditation application or VET Mobility Charter application.

- b) A bonus to the base score will be applied according to the following criteria:
 - Involvement of participants with fewer opportunities: 1 bonus point for each 10% of participants (that the PWFO represent out of a total of number of participants requested in a project)
 - Implementing long-term learning mobility of learners (ErasmusPro): 1 bonus point per each 10% of participants taking part in ErasmusPro activity (out of a total number of learners requested in a project); up to a maximum of 2 bonus points.